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# FLAKE

and his secret plan



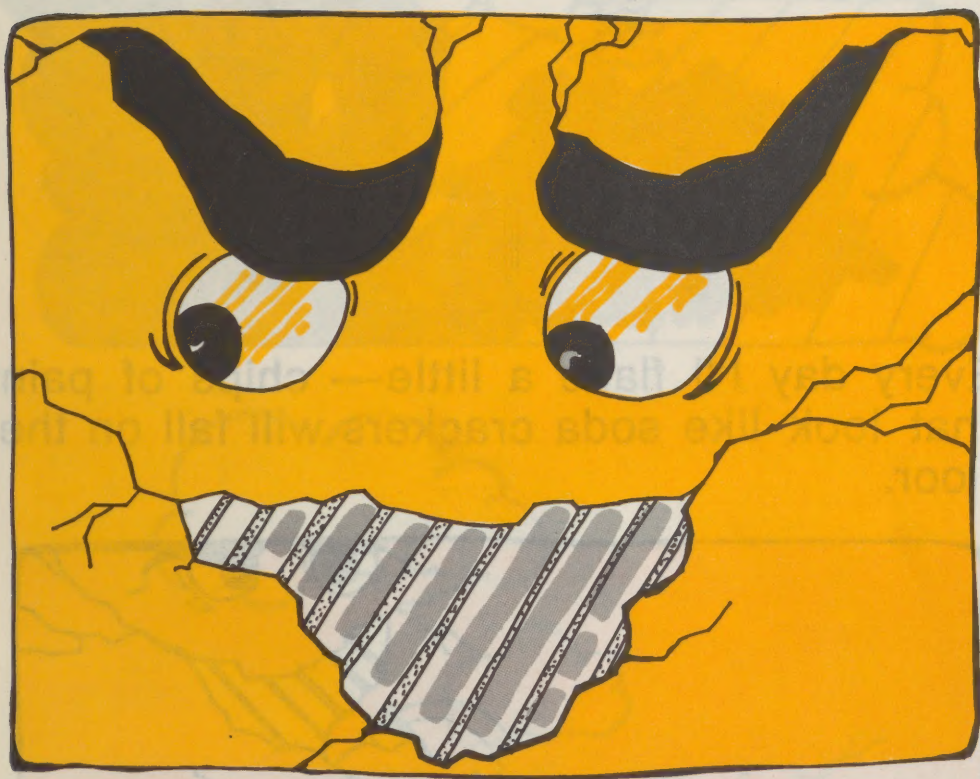
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It happened in an old building, somewhere downtown.

A little girl played alone in her room. At least, she thought she was alone.



She wasn't. For hiding in the wall was . . .

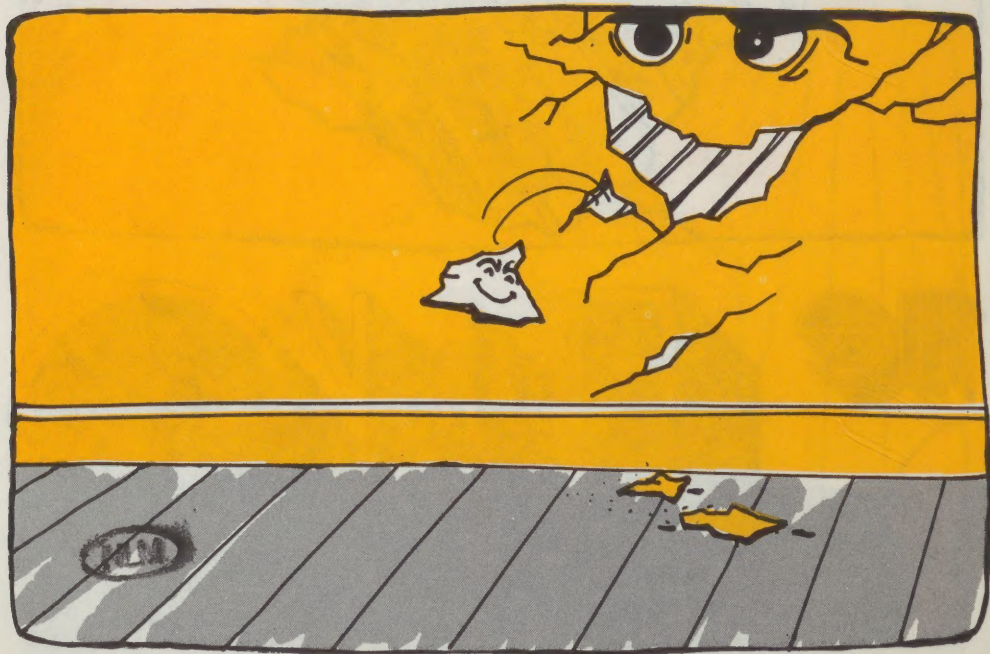


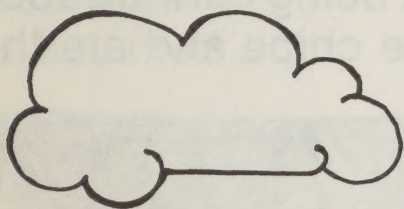
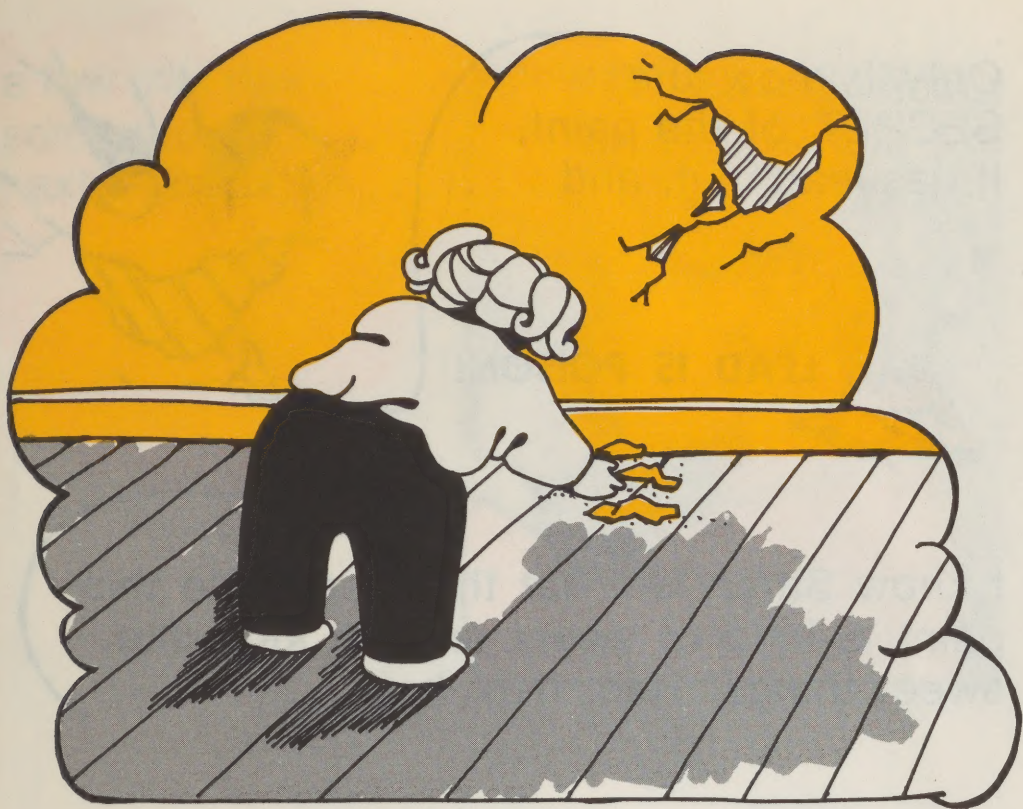
# THE FLAKE

Kids! Yech! Here's  
my plan to get rid  
of them.



Every day I'll flake a little— chips of paint  
that look like soda crackers will fall on the  
floor.





Sarah will eat them  
and get sick.  
Heh, heh, heh.

Only I know the  
**SECRET** of the paint.  
It has lead in it, and . . .



**LEAD IS POISON!**



I know Sarah will eat them because this  
paint is kind of sweet and all kids like  
sweet things. Heh, heh, heh, . . .

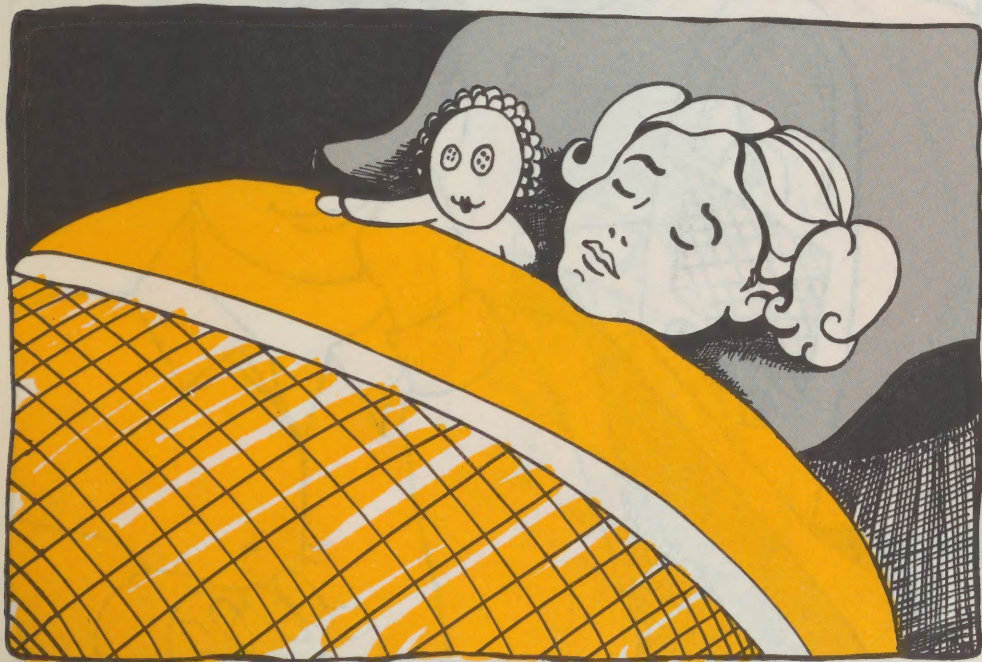
Sure enough, Sarah, being curious about most  
things, picked up the chips and ate them . . .



a few that day,  
some more the  
next—and soon . . .



she became awfully sick and nothing seemed  
to help. But then . . .



Sarah's big brother, Roger, was listening to the radio. In the middle of Big Daddy's Top Twenty, there was a message.



**Hey there Groovy listeners!**

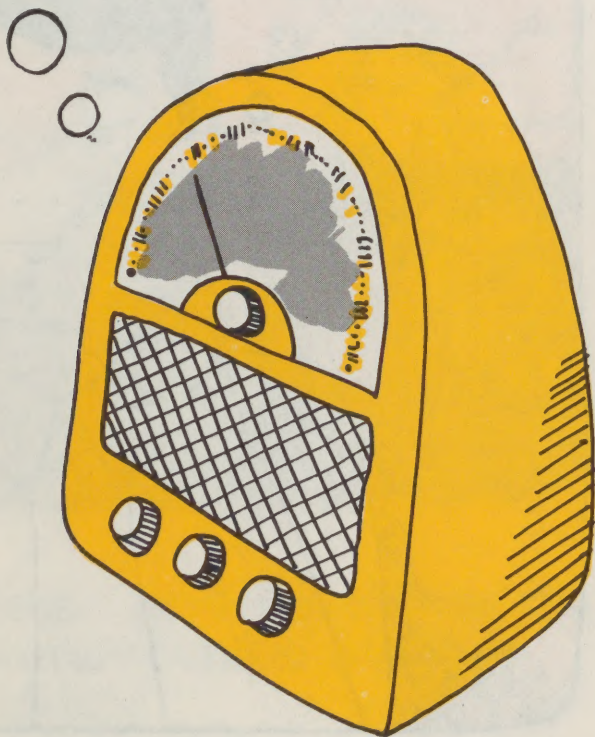
*Have you heard what's going down?*

*Old paint can poison children! Yeah!*

*Your brothers and sisters—*

*what are they into right now?*

**check'em out!**



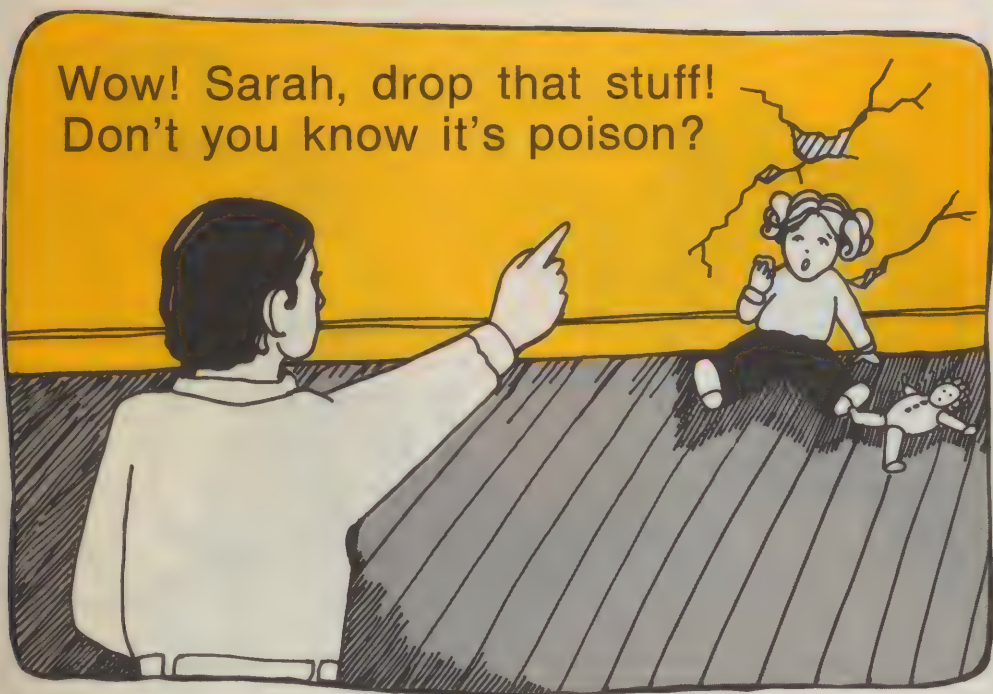
Hmmm.

Wonder what Sarah is up to.

I'll just go and see.

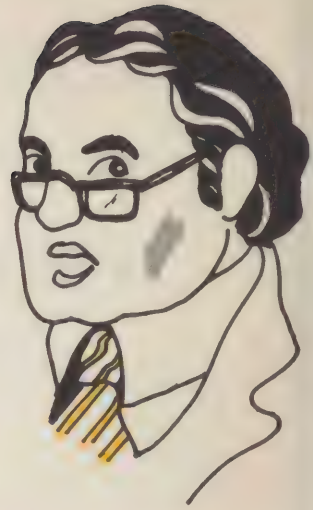


Wow! Sarah, drop that stuff!  
Don't you know it's poison?

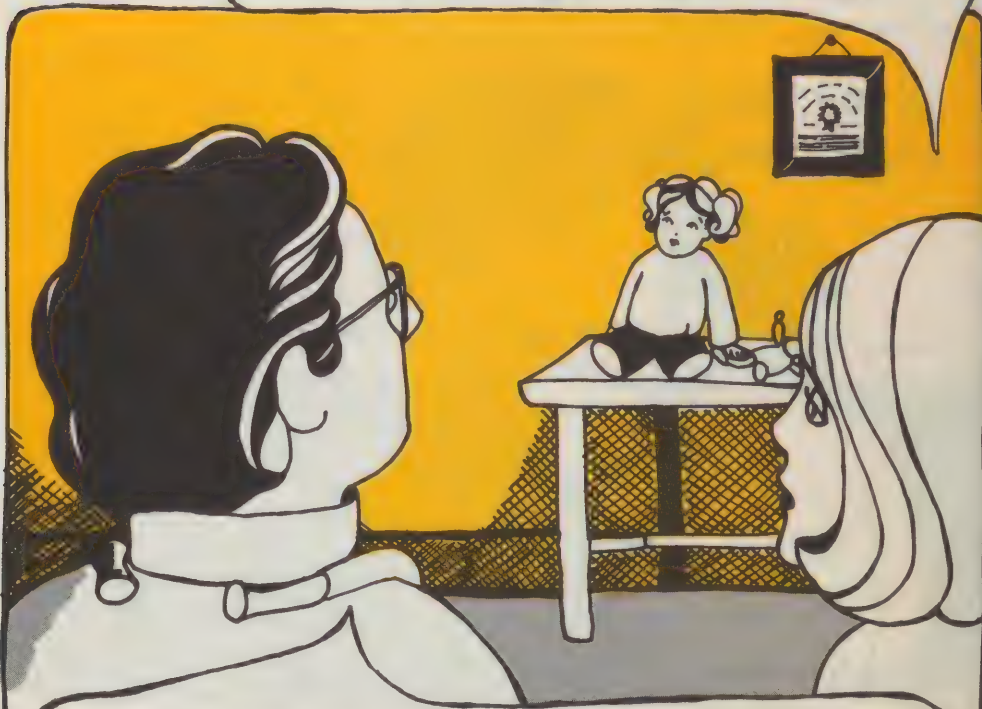


That afternoon, Roger gave his mother the word about poison paint chips, and they took Sarah to the doctor.

I'm glad you brought Sarah in when you did. She's a very sick little girl right now, but we can make her well, this time.



Oh, Doctor, how can we keep Sarah from getting sick again?



It may not be easy, but you'll have to brush those loose paint chips from the walls and keep the floors swept clean.



When they got home, Roger and his mother got right to work, brushing down the walls and sweeping up chips



And before very long, the Flake was evicted. Sarah was safe. But . . .

. . . he's still around somewhere. Maybe he lives in your house.

What are your little brothers and sisters doing now? Hmmm?



KIDS!

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After you read this comic book, you can help fight The Flake. Tell your parents about lead poisoning and show them the information on the next page.



## PARENTS . . .

Lead poisoning is a serious disease which children get when they eat lead paint chips. Kids are always putting things in their mouths, but paint chips are a special danger.

You can find out if your children are getting lead poisoned before they get really sick. What you do is take them to a special clinic for a lead test.

Also, it is important to take these simple steps:

- Brush any peeling paint off the walls.
- Keep the floors swept clean of paint chips. Throw the chips away.
- Ask a doctor, clinic or health department how to find out more about lead poisoning. They may have a pamphlet written just for parents. They can also tell you where to go for the lead test.

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